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For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING RETINAL  
NERVE CELLS FROM NEURAL  
STEM/PROGENITOR CELLS DERIVED  
FROM IRIS TISSUE AND RETINAL NERVE  
CELLS OBTAINED BY SAME METHOD

Examiner: Aditi Dutt

### AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE FILED WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

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Dear Sir/Madam:

### INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This responds to the Final Office Action mailed June 7, 2010 (the Office Action) which sets a three-month shortened statutory period for reply ending on September 7, 2010. This paper is timely filed. Also submitted together with this paper is a Request for Continued Examination. Please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application and consider Applicant's remarks/arguments as follows:

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS** as reflected in the listing of the claims begin on page 2.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.